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Washington, DC - Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) issued the following statement, regarding her support of the Great Lakes Ecosystem Protection Act of 2010 (H.R. 4755). This legislation protects and preserves the Great Lakes. Congressman Vernon Ehlers (R-MI) introduced H.R. 4755 on March 4, 2010, and 21 cosponsors have already signed on to the legislation.

"Lake Superior is a priceless natural resource for Minnesotans, and it needs to be protected. The Great Lakes Ecosystem Protection Act of 2010 is an important piece of legislation that will finally invest the funds needed to preserve wildlife habitats, improve water quality, and maintain shipping commerce in all the Great Lakes. Future generations deserve to be able to enjoy these lakes so we must invest now. I'm proud to join my Michigan colleague, Rep. Ehlers, in this bipartisan effort to protect one of our nation's finest treasures."

Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees.

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